

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 2, line 5 as follows:

There is therefore a need to develop new agents for treating inflammatory skin diseases or mucous membrane diseases, in which the disadvantages of the prior art part can be at least partly avoided.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 5, line 29 as follows:

A particularly preferred embodiment of the preparation according to the invention are mixtures of long-chain hyaluronic acid (≥ 200 kD) (≥ 200 kD) with short-chain hyaluronic acid (e.g. hexamers of the repetitive disaccharide units or larger units up to 50 kD) or alternatively mixtures of the aforementioned with crosslinked hyaluronic acid. Viscous injectable preparations result here, which are preferably introduced intradermally using injection needles (e.g. 30 gauge) or extensively by injection on the border of the dermoepidermal transition. The raising of isolated weals is also suitable according to the invention. The known local anesthetics can be added to the injectable hyaluronic acid preparations for minimization of the painfulness of the injection.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 10, line 11 as follows:

The use according to the invention also includes the employment of hyaluronic acid on the conjunctiva of the eye and of the cornea, hitherto only the use of noncrosslinked hyaluronic acid after laser ablation of the cornea being known. It has been shown that crosslinked hyaluronic acid and mixtures of crosslinked and noncrosslinked hyaluronic acid can also be employed in manipulations, injuries and inflammations of the cornea. In the case of shaping treatments on the cornea of the eye, the employment of hyaluronic acid between the cornea and shaping dish for the purpose of an improvement of the visual power is also described as according to the invention. In the implantation of plastic lenses into the eye for the elimination of cataract, at present noncrosslinked hyaluronic acid is applied to the surface of the plastic lens for lubrication. The application of the preparation according to the invention, in particular of a mixture of noncrosslinked and crosslinked hyaluronic acid, optionally in

combination with a further glycosaminoglycan glycosaminoglycan, such as heparin, is more advantageous as a result, in that the postoperative inflammatory reaction is suppressed long-term and thus the occurrence of "after-cataract" is prevented. On the conjunctiva of the eye, according to the invention all inflammatory changes, that is inflammation of the conjunctiva or conjunctivitis, are favorably influenced. With regard to further preferred embodiments for this subject, reference is made to the details above.